

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 703

By Crowe

A RESOLUTION to congratulate Dana and Thelma Light on the celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary.

WHEREAS, this General Assembly takes great pleasure in paying tribute to those successful marriages that have stood the test of time to serve as examples for present and future generations; and

WHEREAS, on June 16, 1950, Dana and Thelma Light were joined in holy matrimony, and since that fateful day this outstanding couple has faced the world as one, basking in the glow of their love for each other during both life's joys and sorrows; and

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Light are highly respected citizens of the Fall Branch community of Washington County, living on the same farm since the day they were married 50 years ago; they are the very epitome of good neighbors, as they always endeavor to treat others as they would like to be treated; and

WHEREAS, for 30 years, Mr. Dana Light served with acumen and alacrity as an employee of Eastman Kodak Company, where he earned the respect of his peers and supervisors alike for the superior quality of his work; and

WHEREAS, Dana also bravely served his country in the U.S. Army 295<sup>th</sup> Heavy Maintenance Company during World War II in the European Theater, receiving two Bronze Stars for Valor; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Thelma Light was employed by Greene Valley Developmental Center for thirteen years; she has always selflessly devoted herself to caring for her family and providing a place of warmth and love that her husband and children can call home; and

WHEREAS, this fine couple's praiseworthy marriage has produced two children and three stepchildren, each of whom has excelled in his or her particular field of endeavor; the Lights' living children are Marion, Wesley, Dana Jr., and Jewel; and

WHEREAS, the Lights also loved and were loved by their son, Marvin, who has left this world for a far better one; and

WHEREAS, their family has grown to include their beloved daughters-in-law, Linda, Cindy, and Judy Light, and their fine son-in-law, Douglas Hamblen; and

WHEREAS, the Lights are also the proud grandparents of Robert (Bobby), Sarah, Richard, Melanie, John, Juanita, Jeneen, and Shannon; and

WHEREAS, Dana and Thelma have supported the Fall Branch community and its churches with loyalty and devotion throughout the 50 years of their marriage; and

WHEREAS, for 50 years this blessed union has grown and prospered as an expression of time-honored family values and selfless love; and

WHEREAS, marriages such as the Lights' are truly the rock-solid foundation upon which our society is built and a beacon of sanity and continuity in these turbulent times; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we hereby pause to honor and congratulate Dana and Thelma Light on the celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary and extend to them our best wishes for much continued happiness in the years to come.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.